

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7047–S7089

Measures Introduced: Eighteen bills and seven resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 4905–4922, S.J. Res. 77–80, and S. Res. 777–779.

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Measures Passed:

Specialist Matthew R. Turcotte Post Office: Senate passed S. 2847, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 42 Main Street in Slatersville, Rhode Island, as the “Specialist Matthew R. Turcotte Post Office”. **Page S7081**

Einar ‘Sarge’ H. Ingman, Jr. Post Office Building: Senate passed S. 3257, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 311 West Wisconsin Avenue in Tomahawk, Wisconsin, as the “Einar ‘Sarge’ H. Ingman, Jr. Post Office Building”. **Page S7081**

Lieutenant Michael R. Davidson Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 1833, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 35 Tulip Avenue in Floral Park, New York, as the “Lieutenant Michael R. Davidson Post Office Building”. **Page S7081**

Staff Sergeant Dylan Elchin Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 3207, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 114 Mill Street in Hookstown, Pennsylvania, as the “Staff Sergeant Dylan Elchin Post Office Building”. **Page S7081**

Scipio A. Jones Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 3317, to permit the Scipio A. Jones Post Office in Little Rock, Arkansas, to accept and display a portrait of Scipio A. Jones. **Page S7081**

Paul Eaton Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 3329, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5186 Benito Street in Montclair, California, as the “Paul Eaton Post Office Building”. **Page S7081**

Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 4794, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at

8320 13th Avenue in Brooklyn, New York, as the “Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini Post Office Building”. **Page S7081**

Julius L. Chambers Civil Rights Memorial Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 4981, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2505 Derita Avenue in Charlotte, North Carolina, as the “Julius L. Chambers Civil Rights Memorial Post Office”. **Page S7081**

Walter B. Jones, Jr. Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 5037, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3703 North Main Street in Farmville, North Carolina, as the “Walter B. Jones, Jr. Post Office”. **Page S7081**

Audie Murphy Post Office Building: Senate passed S. 3461, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2600 Wesley Street in Greenville, Texas, as the “Audie Murphy Post Office Building”. **Page S7081**

Ralph Hall Post Office: Senate passed S. 3462, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 909 West Holiday Drive in Fate, Texas, as the “Ralph Hall Post Office”. **Page S7081**

Opha May Johnson Post Office: Senate passed S. 3839, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2719 South Webster Street in Kokomo, Indiana, as the “Opha May Johnson Post Office”. **Pages S7081–82**

Joseph G. Demler Post Office: Senate passed S. 4126, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 104 East Main Street in Port Washington, Wisconsin, as the “Joseph G. Demler Post Office”. **Page S7082**

Ernest ‘Ernie’ T. Pyle Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 4734, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 171 South Maple Street in Dana, Indiana, as the “Ernest ‘Ernie’ T. Pyle Post Office”. **Page S7082**

Dr. C.O. Simpkins, Sr., Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 5384, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 Crosby Street in Mansfield, Louisiana, as the “Dr. C.O. Simpkins, Sr., Post Office”. **Page S7082**

Seniors Fraud Prevention Act: Senate passed S. 512, to establish an advisory office within the Bureau of Consumer Protection of the Federal Trade Commission to prevent fraud targeting seniors.

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Identifying Outputs of Generative Adversarial Networks Act: Senate passed S. 2904, to direct the Director of the National Science Foundation to support research on the outputs that may be generated by generative adversarial networks, otherwise known as deepfakes, and other comparable techniques that may be developed in the future, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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National Native American Heritage Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 779, recognizing National Native American Heritage Month and celebrating the heritages and cultures of Native Americans and the contributions of Native Americans to the United States.

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Pro Forma Sessions—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Senate adjourn, to then convene for pro forma sessions only, with no business being conducted on the following dates and times, and that following each pro forma session, the Senate adjourn until the next pro forma session: Friday, November 20, 2020, at 8:15 a.m.; Tuesday, November 24, 2020, at 12:15 p.m.; Friday, November 27, 2020, at 3:15 p.m.; and that when the Senate adjourns on Friday, November 27, 2020, it next convene at 3:00 p.m., on Monday, November 30, 2020.

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McNeel Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motion to invoke cloture with respect to the nomination of Taylor B. McNeel, of Mississippi, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Mississippi, ripen at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, November 30, 2020.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the nomination at 5 p.m., on Monday, November 30, 2020; and that the motions to invoke cloture filed on Wednesday, November 18, 2020, ripen following disposition of the nomination.

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Calabrese Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of J. Philip Calabrese, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Wednesday, November 18, 2020, a

vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Taylor B. McNeel, of Mississippi, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Mississippi.

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Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination.

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Hauptman Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Kyle Hauptman, of Maine, to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of J. Philip Calabrese, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio.

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Davis Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Kathryn C. Davis, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Kyle Hauptman, of Maine, to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 49 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 237), Stephen A. Vaden, of Tennessee, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade.

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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 49 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 236), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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By 49 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. EX. 239), Kathryn Kimball Mizelle, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida.

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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 49 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 238), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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Robert E. Primus, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board for a term expiring December 31, 2022.

Michelle A. Schultz, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board for the term of five years.

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Lisa S. Kenna, of Vermont, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Peru.

Thomas Laszlo Vajda, of Arizona, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador to the Union of Burma.

Melanie Harris Higgins, of Georgia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Burundi.

Jeanne Marie Maloney, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Eswatini.

James Broward Story, of South Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

Michael A. McCarthy, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Liberia.

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5 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Coast Guard and Foreign Service.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

78 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Army and Navy.

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Messages from the House:

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Authorities for Committees to Meet:

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—239)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:34 p.m., until 8:15 a.m. on Friday, November 20, 2020. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7083.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1031, to implement recommendations related to the safety of amphibious passenger vessels, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1166, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information to make grants for the establishment or expansion of internet exchange facilities, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3730, to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize and modernize the registered traveler program of the Transportation Security Administration, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3824, to require the Federal Trade Commission to submit a report to Congress on scams targeting seniors;

S. 3969, to amend title 49, United States Code, to reform the Federal Aviation Administration's aircraft certification process, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 4472, to amend the Secure and Trusted Communications Network Reimbursement Program to include eligible telecommunications carriers and providers of educational broadband service, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 4719, to provide, temporarily, authority for the Secretary of Commerce to waive cost sharing requirements for the Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership, with an amendment;

S. 4803, to make the 3450–3550 MHz spectrum band available for non-Federal use;

S. 4827, to authorize the Assistant Secretary of Space Commerce to provide space situational awareness data, information, and services to non-United States Government entities, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 4847, to direct the Secretary of Commerce to conduct a study and submit to Congress a report on the effects of the COVID–19 pandemic on the travel and tourism industry in the United States;